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October 4, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000628 - Santa Clara River Invert Access Ramp at Honby Avenue, City of Santa Clarita (5), Mendez Concrete, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$2,604.94, and a final contract amount of \$216,896.46.

Project ID No. FCC0000781 - Los Angeles River "Ernie's Walk," vicinity of Sherman Oaks (3), Developer's Surety and Indemnity Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$8,477.90, and a final contract amount of \$569,571.85 (Partial).

Project ID No. FCC0000928 - Project No. 558, Unit 1, Line A, Construction of Drop Structure, and Drainage District Improvement No. 26, RC Box Storm Drain Repair, Cities of Vernon and Palos Verdes Estates (1 and 4), Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., with a final contract amount of \$536,309.00.

Project ID No. GMEDSP0003 - Agoura Road Yard Remediation, vicinity of Agoura Hills (3), Apex Environmental Recovery, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$87,428.11, and a final contract amount of \$717,533.10.

Project ID No. RDC0013788 - Harbor Scenic Drive, et al., City of Long Beach (4), KLM Construction, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$9,206.00, and a final contract amount of \$1,006,534.24 (Partial).

Project ID No. RDC0014170 - Washington Boulevard at Norwalk Boulevard, vicinity of Santa Fe Springs (1), Steiny and Company, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$2,809.80, and a final contract amount of \$156,212.49.

Project ID No. RMD3246029 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Palm Tree, MD 3, FY 2004-05, vicinities of Windsor Hills, Lennox, Rosewood, and Los Angeles (San Pedro) (2 and 4), Trimming Land Company, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$1,100.00, and a final contract amount of \$104,478.00.

Project ID No. RMD3246030 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Fast Growing, MD 3, 2004-05, vicinity of Hawthorne (3), J. Orozco Enterprises, with changes in the amount of \$8,530.00, and a final contract amount of \$92,876.00.

Project ID No. RMD4146007 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Division 142, 2004-05, vicinities of City Terrace and East Los Angeles (1), Trimming Land Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$278.00, and a final contract amount of \$83,148.00.

Project ID No. RMD5546110 - Parkway Tree Trimming and Removal, RD 556 A (FG) & B, FY 2004-05, vicinities of Bouquet Canyon, Castaic, North Saugus, Stevenson Ranch, and Val Verde (5), Trimming Land Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$2,414.00, and a final contract amount of \$241,809.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of the Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

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The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000628, FCC0000781, GMEDSP0003, RDC0013788, RDC0014170, RMD3246029, RMD3246030, RMD4146007, and RMD5546110.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$87,428.11 to an increase in the amount of \$9,206.00, while the total values of the contracts range from \$83,148.00 to \$1,006,534.24.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000628, SANTA CLARA RIVER INVERT ACCESS RAMP AT HONBY AVENUE (City of Santa Clarita), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Mendez Concrete, Inc., 1210 East Santa Paula Street, Santa Paula, California 93060

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete invert access ramp, asphalt concrete pavement, and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$2,604.94)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount was based upon estimated bid quantities of the various bid items. The contractor was paid based upon actual bid quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 12, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$219,501.40
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(2,604.94)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$216,896.46</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000781, LOS ANGELES RIVER "ERNIE'S WALK" (in the vicinity of Sherman Oaks), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Developer's Surety and Indemnity Company, 17780 Fitch, Irvine, California 92614

Project Description:

Construction of concrete walls, stairway, and colored stamped concrete pavement; installation of a drip irrigation system; removal and planting of trees; and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Anchor Irrigation Lines	\$2,500.00
(2)	Stamped Concrete	957.60
(3)	Enhanced Pavement	(3,615.50)
(4)	Credit for Materials	(1,620.00)
(5)	Plant Establishment Period	<u>(6,700.00)</u>
	Total	<u>(\$8,477.90)</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) Stakes were installed to anchor the above-ground flexible irrigation tubing. This work was not shown on the plans.
- (2) Stamped concrete was extended easterly to join an existing concrete slab to provide a uniform finish.
- (3) The amount of enhanced pavement on the project was less than shown on the plans.
- (4) The contractor did not supply spare parts for irrigation and as-built plans as required by the contract documents.
- (5) The contractor did not perform maintenance to the site according to the contract documents.

The costs for Items 1 through 4 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 5 was based on contract unit prices.

Ten additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 1, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Although the contract is now complete, the contractor has requested an extended amount of time to review the final pay quantities for all pay items. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released.

In addition, the contractor requested 19 hours of overtime inspection which resulted in a credit to the contract.

Amount Due to the Contractor at this Time:

Original contract amount	\$545,392.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	33,655.25
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(8,477.90)
Deduction for overtime inspection	<u>(997.50)</u>
AMOUNT DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$569,571.85</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000928, PROJECT NO. 558, UNIT 1, LINE A,
CONSTRUCTION OF DROP STRUCTURE, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT NO. 26, RC BOX STORM DRAIN REPAIR, (Cities of Vernon and
Palos Verdes Estates), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

Contractor: Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., P.O. Box 1747,
Brea, California 92822-1747

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete drop structure and retaining walls, removal and replacement of grouted riprap, construction of a steel picket fence, repair of a reinforced concrete box storm drain, and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on April 21, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$416,360.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	<u>119,949.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$536,309.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

October 4, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. GMEDSP0003, AGOURA ROAD YARD REMEDIATION

(In the vicinity of Agoura Hills), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Apex Environmental Recovery, Inc., 2563 West Woodland Drive, Anaheim, California 92801

Project Description:

Excavation, transportation, and proper disposal of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil; construction of compacted backfill material, base material, and asphalt concrete pavement; and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$110,584.21)
(2) Perforated Pipe	1,695.06
(3) Utility Relocation	11,801.04
(4) Equipment Standby Time	<u>9,660.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>87,428.11</u>)

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in the contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) A 10-inch perforated casing with an extension was installed in the excavated pit in order to monitor the groundwater level and perform dewatering in the future.

(3) It was necessary to relocate several utilities that were in conflict with the proposed excavation area.

(4) The contractor was placed on standby while the Agency obtained environmental permit approval.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 4 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Eight additional working days were required because of these changes. Also, the contractor was granted an additional 15 working days to complete the project.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 5, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$710,897.73
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	94,063.48
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(87,428.11)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$717,533.10</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013788, HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE, ET AL.
(City of Long Beach), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: KLM Construction, Inc., 1011 East Main Street, Suite 408, Puyallup, Washington 98372

Project Description:

Seismic retrofitting of the Harbor Scenic Drive bridge over Pier F Avenue, the Ocean Boulevard bridge over Pico Avenue, and the Wardlow Road bridge over Coyote Creek.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$9,206.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on the contract unit prices.

Fifteen additional working days were required because of these changes. Also, the contractor was granted an additional 25 working days due to the difficulties encountered during the construction of the cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 1, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The contractor has submitted a claim for additional compensation for the CIDH piling work. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released. Once the claim is resolved, we will provide your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance of the work of this contract.

Amount Due Contractor at this Time:

Original contract amount	\$ 989,300.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	8,028.24
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>9,206.00</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$1,006,534.24</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014170, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AT NORWALK BOULEVARD (in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Steiny and Company, Inc., 12907 East Garvey Avenue, Baldwin Park, California 91706

Project Description:

Installation of traffic signals and striping and pavement markings and construction of curb, sidewalk, and curb ramps.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,787.49
(2) Wireless Video Camera	183.28
(3) Repair Conduit	<u>839.03</u>
Total	<u>\$2,809.80</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) Your Board previously approved a change order to install a wireless video camera at this intersection. The actual cost of the work will exceed the estimate by the amount shown.

(3) In order to meet the intent of the design, the contractor repaired an existing damaged conduit on the southeast and northwest corners of Washington Boulevard at Norwalk Boulevard.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 31, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$107,827.70
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	45,574.99
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>2,809.80</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u><u>\$156,212.49</u></u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3246029, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, PALM TREE, MD 3, FY 2004-05 (in the vicinities of Windsor Hills, Lennox, Rosewood, and Los Angeles (San Pedro)), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

Contractor: Trimming Land Company, Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming of palm trees.

Change in Work:

Tree Removal	\$1,100.00
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Description of Change:

It was necessary to remove two additional dead palm trees on West 96th Street and Tarrant Avenue. The cost for this change was based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of this change.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 12, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$103,378.00
Change in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>1,100.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$104,478.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3246030, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, FAST GROWING,
MD 3, 2004-05 (in the vicinity of Hawthorne), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: J. Orozco Enterprises, 1740 North Hills Drive, La Habra, California 90631

Project Description:

Trimming of palm trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$8,530.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Twenty additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on April 22, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$84,346.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>8,530.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$92,876.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146007, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISION 142, 2004-05 (in the vicinities of City Terrace and East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Trimming Land Company, Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$278.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 14, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$83,426.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(278.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$83,148.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546110, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL, RD 556 A (FG) & B, FY 2004-05 (in the vicinities of Bouquet Canyon, Castaic, North Saugus, Stevenson Ranch, and Val Verde areas), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Trimming Land Company, Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, California 90280

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$2,414.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on May 3, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$242,223.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	2,000.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(2,414.00)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$241,809.00</u>

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